

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF D.J. JACOBETTI MICHIGAN VET- ERANS HOME

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, on this Veterans Day, it is my honor to recognize the D.J. Jacobetti Veterans Home for decades of service to veterans, their families, and our communities. Through their tireless work and steadfast devotion to veterans, D.J. Jacobetti has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula and the State of Michigan.

D.J. Jacobetti was created in Marquette, Michigan, in 1981 following the increase in Michigan's veteran population after the Vietnam War. The establishment of the facility featured a spacious four-story building that was renovated from the former St. Mary's Hospital and was appropriately dedicated to the Yooper and longest serving member of the Michigan House of Representatives, Dominic J. Jacobetti. Throughout the past 40 years, D.J. Jacobetti and their staff have worked diligently to improve the lives of countless veterans, offering a variety of care options which include an on-site pharmacy, rehab and therapy, dementia care, and many others. The impact of their work has bettered the quality of life for many Yoopers, and their devotion to our veterans and local community cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize D.J. Jacobetti Michigan Veterans Home for their continued service to veterans and our Upper Peninsula communities. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING BEN HERNANDEZ- STERN AND HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COM- MITTEE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise, along with my colleague, Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE, Chair of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, to thank Ben Hernandez-Stern for his service to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ben came to the Committee as part of a career focused on serving his country, which has included service in the National Guard, Air Force, Federal courts, Department of Health and Human Services, and Department of Justice. Ben received his B.A. from Brown University, J.D. from Stanford Law School, and M.A. from the U.S. Naval War College.

Ben joined our Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security as Counsel in 2019 and played a critical role in advancing the Subcommittee's priorities during the 116th Congress and the beginning of the 117th Congress. In the wake of an increase in hate crimes and gun violence, Ben played a leading role in the Subcommittee's work to address these crises. His portfolio included a wide range of issues, such as reforming our bail system, addressing fines and fees that disproportionately impact the poor and people of color, improving access to justice, and addressing domestic terrorism.

Ben is a team player, who was always willing to help out however needed. During the impeachments of President Donald Trump, Ben aided our oversight team—in addition to continuing to work on his broad policy portfolio—in our solemn duty to hold President Trump accountable for his impeachable offenses.

Ben's service to the country, however, wasn't limited just to his work on the Committee during the past few years; he also continued to serve as a Judge Advocate in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, deploying numerous times to serve his country in this additional capacity.

Ben's work on the Committee, to make our laws more just, has left a lasting impact on our country. In addition, Ben played a key role in developing the next generation of public servants. During his time on the committee, Ben mentored dozens of interns, both on and off his Subcommittee, providing them with assignments, valuable feedback, and guidance. Many of these interns went on to obtain full-time positions in the government thanks to Ben's mentorship.

While Ben's career at the House Judiciary Committee has come to a close, his career as a public servant has not. Ben was nominated and is now serving as a Judge in the Los Angeles County Superior Court. The California judiciary is fortunate to have such a strong advocate for justice on its bench.

We thank Ben for his service to the Committee and wish him the best of luck with this new chapter.

RECOGNIZING ANDREW FRENCH, 2020 CHAIR OF THE MICHIGAN RESTAURANT & LODGING ASSO- CIATION

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Andrew French of Ann Arbor, Michigan, the 2020 Chair of the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association and President of Aubree's Flagstar. His decades of service to Michigan's restaurant and lodging industry and to our local community is worthy of commendation.

Aubrey William "Bill" and Sandee French opened Aubree's, a bar in Ypsilanti's historic Depot Town neighborhood in 1972. Raised in Ypsilanti, Michigan, Mr. French grew up in the restaurant industry. At age 15 he could be found in the back of his parent's bar washing dishes. After graduating from Michigan State University in 1997, he returned home to help his mom and dad revamp the family bar. In 1998, they purchased the space next door to the bar and expanded to become Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill.

In 2005, Mr. French became Vice President of the organization and when his father passed in 2015, he became President and CEO. The pizzeria quickly became a neighborhood favorite and gathering spot for family and friends in the area. With the success of the original Depot Town location, Aubree's has expanded to ten locations across the state of Michigan. To him the most important part of the job is creating a great customer experience for guests—Aubree's employees are part of the family.

In 2012, Mr. French was appointed to Board of the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association. A strong advocate for Michigan's restaurant industry, he was appointed Chair of the Board in 2020. A voice for hospitality on the local, state, and federal levels, Mr. French is a tireless advocate for Michigan restaurants and their employees. Even during the pandemic, he has continued to help keep hundreds of small businesses afloat. Active in his own neighborhood, he serves on the Depot Town Community Development Corporation, as the Vice Chair of the Ypsilanti DDA, and on the board of the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. He previously served on the boards for the Hope Clinic and the Ypsilanti Area Community Foundation. He resides in Ann Arbor with his family.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Mr. Andrew French for his exceptional leadership and extraordinary time. We are grateful for his commitment to the local community and economy and wish him and the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BOB KNIGHT

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Bob Knight, a man who gave himself freely and fully to his family, business, state and community, who died on October 28, 2021.

He was born July 15, 1945, in the former Rollins Hospital at Gassville, Arkansas. Bob graduated from Mountain Home High School in 1963, the Wichita School of Broadcasting in 1965, and served in the U.S. Navy from 1965 to 1969 aboard the battleship New Jersey.

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Those who were lucky enough to know Bob were aware that he had a deep and abiding passion for the Bombers, broadcasting, the Twin Lakes Area, his state, and the Navy. Many of his numberless stories were centered on one of those passions. His family was his first priority. He was married to the former Sue Hightower for 48 years. They were a team in every sense of the word. He would light up when talking about his daughter and grandchildren.

Bob was 23 when he started working at KTLO in 1968. He and Sue were part of a group including two local doctors—Johnny and Bobby Ahrens—who bought the station in 1973. In 1994, current co-owner Danny Ward and his wife, Velma, became partners, along with Charlie and Scottie Earls. Mountain Lakes Broadcasting Corporation was formed. The Knights and Wards bought the Earls' interest in 2012.

Bob earned accolades for his devoted and tireless service to organizations both local and statewide. He was president of the Mountain Home Educational Foundation for 16 years. He was also a past president of the Arkansas Broadcasters' Association and chairman of the Arkansas Parks and Tourism Commission. The jobs Bob held had one general aim—to make the Twin Lake Area and the State of Arkansas better places to live and work.

Bob's sense of humor brightened up the day and will be missed. For four decades, people in the KTLO listening area have started their day with his program's signature opening, "It's time to rise and shine." Bob Knight was preceded in death by his wife of almost 50 years, Sue Hightower Knight; and son, Jordan Knight. He is survived by his daughter, Heather Loftis, her husband, Chris, and two grandchildren: Mia and Jordan Zane Loftis.

RECOGNIZING THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARINE CORPS RESERVE ASSOCIATION

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 95th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps Reserve Association. The work of the USMCRA over nearly a century has been critical in ensuring the common defense of our country and assisting in the readiness of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves for future conflict.

The United States Naval and Marine Corps Reserves were established through the Naval Appropriations Act on August 29, 1916. Ten years later, the USMCRA was formed to ensure the readiness of Reserve Forces and promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps and United States Marine Corps Reserves. Since then, the USMCRA has constantly worked to help preserve the safety of our country and the wellbeing of those whom defend it. As a Retired Lt. General and the former Commander of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and Marine Forces North, I deeply understand the importance of strong and battle-ready reserves units and will continue to support their mission here in Congress. The work of the USMCRA and the impact of their advocacy on behalf of our servicemembers,

Veterans, and their families cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the United States Marine Corps Reserve Association for 95 years of service to our country. I look forward to assisting in fulfilling their mission to support our Servicemen and women. Please join me in congratulating the USMCRA for this historic achievement.

RECOGNIZING THE WWI MOBILE MUSEUM

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, as we gather this Veterans Day, we pay tribute to the valiant men and women who dedicated their lives to preserving our freedoms through service to our great nation.

What was proclaimed as Armistice Day on November 11, 1919 in commemoration of the end of the first World War, is now a day to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve in times of peace and war. By remembering the service and sacrifice of those who have borne the battle, we acknowledge their courageous efforts and work towards preserving peace for future generations.

Today, I recognize Keith Colley, founder of the WWI Mobile Museum, who provides an invaluable opportunity for all generations to honor the rich history of the Great War through the display of the various artifacts ranging from trench warfare, to photographic and cinematic treatment of the war. Appropriately named the "Lest We Forget" exhibit, stemming from President Woodrow Wilson's speech following the war, keeping the memory of WWI alive is a show of respect for the men and women who served and who ultimately perished during the conflict.

In his time as a bereavement counselor in hospice care, Mr. Colley found by sharing his own experience visiting the National WWI Museum and Memorial, he was able to tap into patient memories that were previously not accessible. Mr. Colley's initial collection of artifacts and photographs fully immersed his patients in their own memories, providing a meaningful experience that extended beyond traditional care.

In partnership with the WWI Centennial Commission, the WWI Mobile Museum began touring around the country in 2015, making stops at multiple sites including schools, senior living communities, and historical museums. The museum has since provided citizens of all ages and stages with an opportunity to learn and reflect on the significance of WWI through its display of artifacts from what was one of the deadliest conflicts in history.

Now, as we recognize the contributions of the WWI Mobile Museum in preserving these historical artifacts as a learning tool for future generations, I ask that you join me in honoring efforts to help others to remember the past by preserving our culture.

HONORING THE LATE DAPHNE BROOKINS

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Daphne Brookins an incredible mentor, mother, and friend to the people of Fort Worth's 4th District.

Brookins was a young adult motivational speaker, writer, Fort Worth ISD District 4 trustee, and most recently served as an adjunct instructor at her alma mater, Texas Wesleyan University. She and her late husband, Carl Brookins, leave behind three sons.

Brookins served previously as council member and mayor pro tempore for the city of Forest Hill. Brookins' other affiliations include leadership roles with the One Star Foundation board, which she was appointed to by Gov. Greg Abbott, as well as the YMCA Metropolitan Board, Director's Circle with Girls Inc., Tarrant County Challenge Inc. board member, Advisory Board member for Expanding Your Horizon, Tarrant County CHIP Coalition co-chairperson for the Marketing Task Force, and the Ladder Alliance board member.

In 2019, Brookins was elected to the FWISD Board of Trustees. She was later elected to a full term in May 2021. As a FWISD board member Brookins' main focus was on advancing opportunities for young women and children and ensuring all daycare facilities in Fort Worth were on the same page as the district's early learning program. She was also an early supporter and board member for the district's Young Women's Leadership Academy.

As a part of Fort Worth's 4th District, she represented 13 schools which included O.D. Wyatt High School, I.M. Terrell Academy, Morningside Middle School, Morningside Elementary School, W.M. Green Elementary School, David K. Sellars Elementary School, Harlean Beal Elementary School, Clifford Davis Elementary School, Carter Park Elementary School, Edward J. Briscoe Elementary School, Carroll Peak Elementary School, Van Zandt-Guinn Elementary School, and Versia Williams Elementary School.

It was said that Brookins was always focused on students and never allowed any opportunity to further their needs to be lost. She always wanted to ensure that families received resources that allowed stability and a good education for their children. Brookins was a champion for kids and a person who embraced her board work with collegiality and dedication.

Daphne Brookins leaves behind a legacy of love and commitment to service that will be missed by all in the Fort Worth community.

HONORING THE 77TH NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL IN DOTHAN, ALABAMA

HON. BARRY MOORE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the 77th National Peanut Festival in Dothan, Alabama, the "Peanut Capital of the World."

As the men and women of my home state of Alabama know well, we have been blessed with a rich history in agriculture—largely thanks to the peanut.

In the early 1900s, as boll weevils devastated cotton crops and producers across the southeastern United States, Alabama farmers began to instead plant peanuts. This decision to diversify ultimately preserved the struggling region and led to new levels of success for its people.

Having grown up on a family farm, I know firsthand the hard work and dedication that it takes to succeed in farming. Genesis 2:15 says, “then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.” That is exactly what our farmers continue to do in South Alabama.

Today, we are proud to boast that the majority of all peanuts produced in the United States are grown within a 100-mile radius of Dothan, Alabama.

Since November of 1938, when Dr. George Washington Carver addressed the very first National Peanut Festival, countless friends and families have gathered to celebrate the annual harvest and the many successes the peanut has brought to the Wiregrass.

The festival has grown from a three-day event in 1938 to a full ten-day celebration in 2021, with over 200,000 expected attendees.

I am proud that Alabama has continued this tradition—a tradition that commemorates the true grit of our people and the pride we have in our history.

I join the Second Congressional District of Alabama, as well as the entire state, in congratulating the National Peanut Festival on its 77th year, and I look forward to celebrating with this community for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 92 OF ROCKLAND, MI

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 100th anniversary of American Legion Post 92 for their century of service to veterans, their families, and our communities. Through their tireless work, exceptional leadership, and steadfast selflessness, Post 92 has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula and the State of Michigan.

Post 92 was created in 1919 in Victoria, Michigan, following the national charter of the American Legion by Congress. The post was formed to establish a local organization to bring fellow Yooper Veterans together within the U.P. Two years later, the Legion moved to Rockland, Michigan, where they have been headquartered ever since with the mission of defending the U.S. Constitution and honoring our men and women in uniform, amongst many other goals. Over the last century, the American Legion has grown to two million members with over thirteen thousand posts nationwide. Post 92's work has significantly improved the lives of countless Veterans and their families, and their dedication cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize American Legion Post 92 for a century of

service to the veterans and communities of the Upper Peninsula. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such devoted organizations and citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MONALISA DUGUÉ AND HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise, along with my colleague, Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE, Chair of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, to thank Monalisa Dugué for her nearly five years of service to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Monalisa came to the Committee after spending more than a decade with the Public Defender's office in Chicago and several years working for non-profits and as a consultant. Before starting her career, Monalisa received her B.A. from DePaul University and her J.D. from Valparaiso University School of Law.

Monalisa joined the Committee in 2017, as Deputy Chief Counsel of our Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. Since then, she has played an indispensable role in working to reform our criminal justice system.

As Deputy Chief Counsel, Monalisa worked on a broad range of issues, including criminal justice reform, juvenile justice reform, and Tribal justice—including addressing the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous women. Monalisa has been instrumental in the House's work to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act, to pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, to enact the First Step Act, and to fund evidence-informed strategies to reduce community violence and fund community violence intervention programs that address the cycles of violence in communities.

Monalisa's work in the committee has had a lasting impact on the American people. She has played a key role in passing numerous bills into law, some of which include the VOCA Fix to Sustain the Crime Victims Fund Act, the Not Invisible Act, Savanna's Act, the Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act, the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act, and the Strengthening the Opposition to Female Genital Mutilation (STOP FGM) Act.

Throughout all of her work, Monalisa brought her commitment to justice and equity and her tireless work ethic. Our committee, Congress, and the American people greatly benefited from her wisdom, experience, and contributions. Our country is a better place because of the mark Monalisa has left on it.

While we will miss Monalisa greatly, we are glad she is not going far, as she will be continuing her public service career as Chief of Staff to Senator WHITEHOUSE.

We thank Monalisa for her service to the Committee and wish her the best of luck with this new chapter.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF WILLARD KINZER

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my long-time friend Willard Kinzer, a World War II veteran, racecar driver, and successful businessman in Eastern Kentucky. He is a loyal patriot of this great nation, a generous philanthropist for Kentucky's Appalachian communities and an innovative leader for the Kinzer Drilling Company.

One of the most iconic symbols in Eastern Kentucky has become the giant American flag flying in front of the Kinzer Drilling headquarters in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. It represents Willard's consummate pride in the American way of life, our military, and his dedication to the people of our region. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Willard joined the U.S. Navy when he was only 16 years old—he adjusted his birth certificate, determined to help his country in World War II. He narrowly missed the deadly explosion on ammunition ship USS *Mount Hood* just before he was sent back home to the United States. That explosion killed the entire 300-plus crew on board and nearly 100 more crew members on the nearby USS *Mindanao*. It injured 371 more, sank 22 small boats and damaged 18 larger ships. On that day, Willard's perspective forever changed, and he began living with a new fearless lease on life.

Willard Kinzer is the type of person who wakes up and hits the ground running. In fact, he has a sign at home that says “Life begins at 200 mph.” With a passion for fast cars, he has won countless trophies and awards for drag racing and hill climbing competitions over the years, and he holds the record for being the first person in history to drive a stock suspension car faster than 230 miles per hour. It should come as no surprise that he celebrated his 90th birthday winning a drag race championship in Bristol, Tennessee. He is truly a thrill-seeker at heart.

For 70 years, he was blessed to share every adventure with his wife, Lucy. Together, they raised a beautiful family and invested in local communities, helping build the Mountain Arts Center, the Wesley Christian School in Allen, and Hope in the Mountains in Prestonsburg. They also grew the Kinzer Drilling Company into a successful gas and oil business, spanning 800 miles in Eastern Kentucky and West Virginia.

On this Veterans Day, I count it a great honor to join the people of Eastern Kentucky in recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of Willard Kinzer, saluting him for his valiant service during World War II and his continued work across Eastern Kentucky.

WISHES FOR PEACE BETWEEN ARMENIA AND AZERBAIJAN

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, it has been over a year since the end of the 2020 44-day

war between Armenia and Azerbaijan. This short, but furious and deadly, conflict stemmed from historical differences regarding geographic territory based on ethnicity and religion. I do not pretend to know the details of this conflict. The seeds for this conflict were sown decades ago, perhaps even a century ago, with the advent of the Soviet Union as well as the decline of the Ottoman Empire.

Here is what I do know. The Armenians and the Azerbaijanis deserve to live and prosper in peace. Nations require territorial integrity. The boundaries of a given nation should also reflect history, ethnicity, and religious differences to minimize conflict.

I am hopeful for the future that these two nations, both with a proud and great history, will be able to resume their relationship in peace and that the parties work, in good faith, to resolve their issues without bullets.

God bless the people there and through His will it is my hope peace will prevail.

HONORING PATRICIA THOMPSON

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Patricia Thompson and wish her well in her retirement after 43 years of dedicated service to the township of Willingboro, New Jersey.

Patricia first joined the Willingboro Police Department in 1978 as a traffic guard and since day one, she has been a comforting presence to Willingboro students and residents. Having lived in the town for most of her life, I was not surprised to hear that throughout her tenure, Patricia was eager to take on additional responsibilities like overseeing the bicycle auction. Her commitment to Willingboro earned her a promotion to Crossing Guard Supervisor in 2011, where she has been a vital addition to training the next generation of crossing guards.

On behalf of our entire district, I want to thank Patricia for her tireless commitment to the township of Willingboro, New Jersey. I wish Patricia every enjoyment in retirement with her husband and children.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF GEORGE LABLONDE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the life of George LaBlonde, who passed away recently after a lifetime of service. Through his extreme dedication to the public good, George became an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula, the State of Michigan, and the United States of America.

A native Yooper, George was born in Ironwood, Michigan, on October 17, 1938. He was raised in Ironwood and graduated from Luther L. Wright High School in 1956. With a deep-rooted drive to serve others, George furthered his education at the Michigan Col-

lege of Mining and Technology in 1960 while also earning a commission as a Second Lieutenant with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He went on to attend several other prestigious institutions including Purdue University, the U.S. Army War College, the Department of Defense Language Institute, the Army Command and General Staff College, and completed numerous other specialized courses. In addition to his impressive and comprehensive military education, George's 30 years of service earned him several honors and decorations including the Legion of Merit Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device, the Parachute Badge, amongst many others. As a retired Marine myself, I greatly appreciate the longtime devotion George gave to our Nation.

George passed away on October 29, 2021. His steadfast care and friendly nature towards all members of his community will surely leave a lasting mark on those who had the opportunity to know him. He is missed dearly by his family and friends, and his legacy will undoubtedly live on for generations to come. George's tireless dedication to public service touched the lives of countless Michiganders, and the impact of his work cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of George LaBlonde. His legacy will forever live on in his family and in the many lives he bettered through his service.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTINE LEONARD AND HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise along with my colleague, Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE, Chair of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, to thank Christine Leonard for her service to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Christine came to the Committee as part of a career focused on judiciary and criminal justice issues. Before joining the Committee as Counsel, Christine had a long history of working closely with the Committee in various roles, including as Counsel to Rep. Delahunt, Senior Counsel to Sen. Ted Kennedy, Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs at the Office of National Drug Control Policy, as the Director of the Vera Institute of Justice's DC Office, Executive Director of the Coalition for Public Safety, and as Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs at the U.S. Sentencing Commission. Christine received her B.A. and J.D. from Boston College.

Christine joined our Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security as Counsel in 2020 and has played an integral role in our prison and drug enforcement reform work. Among other things, she also played a critical role in helping to advance my bill, the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement (MORE) Act—which would reverse failed federal policies criminalizing

marijuana and would take steps to address the heavy toll this policy has taken across the country, particularly among communities of color—through the Committee.

The Committee and the country at large have benefited greatly from Christine's dedication to reforming our criminal justice system and ensuring our laws are equitably applied. We will greatly miss her strong work ethic and passion for justice, as she takes the next step in her career.

We thank Christine for her service to the Committee and wish her the best of luck with this new chapter.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL BRIAN MASON

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Colonel Brian Mason. Lt. Colonel Mason enlisted as a medic on Active Duty in 1985. He served in Desert Shield/Desert Storm as a medic on a Forward Area Surgical Team assigned to the 44th Medical Brigade (Airborne), and his unit was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation. He commissioned as an Engineer Officer in 2002 assigned to the 875th Engineer Battalion then deployed as a Platoon Leader and Executive Officer with the 239th Engineer Company, 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team to Iraq in 2003 through 2005. He has had various full-time duty assignments in the AGR program, culminating now as a member the Adjutant Generals' special staff, State Public Affairs Officer and Director of Communications.

He was an Assistant Professor of Military Science and Executive Officer of the Red Wolf Battalion when U.S. Army Cadet Command tried to eliminate the program at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas. He also served two years in the command position, the Professor of Military Science, bringing the program back from closure and into viability standards. During his six and a half years at Arkansas State University, he commissioned 102 officers for the Active Duty Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve.

Upon retirement, Lt. Colonel Mason and his wife, Loretta, plan to enjoy their grandchildren and hiking. He will continue teaching classes as an Adjunct Faculty member at Arkansas State University for the College of Nursing and Health Profession's Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management program. I thank Lt. Colonel Mason for 36 years of total service and 26 years of Active Duty service to our Nation, State and community.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join

me in celebrating Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School's 150th anniversary and particularly Carrie Thornhill for her phenomenal leadership with the Dunbar Alumni Federation. I am fortunate to be an alumna of Dunbar High School and a member of the class of 1955.

Dunbar High School, which started in a church basement, was the first public high school for African Americans in the United States and remained segregated until 1954, when the District of Columbia was one of the six *Brown v. Board of Education* jurisdictions that successfully challenged segregated schools in the United States. Dunbar was instrumental in making the District of Columbia a bulwark of education for almost a century, attracting students from across the District, who were drawn by the school's excellent reputation. That same reputation was reinforced by Dunbar's remarkable record of graduating more distinguished African Americans than any high school in the country. Among them were Edward Brooke, the first Black popularly elected United States Senator; Robert C. Weaver, the first Black cabinet secretary; Benjamin O. Davis Sr., the first Black general in the U.S. Army; Wesley Brown, the first Black graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy; Charles R. Drew, the discoverer of blood plasma; and Mary Jane Patterson, the first African American to achieve a college degree. Dunbar also drew teachers with advanced degrees who would have been college professors but for segregation in higher education.

In 2002, Dunbar High School established the Dunbar Alumni Federation, which works in partnership with school leadership to create better futures for Dunbar students and graduates, which has already awarded over \$1.5 million in scholarships to over 700 students. Dunbar has been recently rebuilt into a state-of-the-art facility and became a neighborhood school following the *Brown* decision. Its storied history continues to inspire generations of students.

I have introduced a bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of Paul Laurence Dunbar, the proceeds from the sale of which would benefit of the Dunbar Alumni Association.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Dunbar High School for 150 years of educating the students of the District of Columbia.

SENATOR JIM JONES BIRTHDAY

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize former Nebraska State Senator, Jim Jones, on the occasion of his 90th Birthday.

I had the honor to serve alongside Senator Jones as a Member of Nebraska's Unicameral Legislature, allowing me to witness his dedication to rural communities. His commitment assured that our farmers, ranchers, and all Sandhills residents had a passionate voice in the Legislature.

His family, friends, and community know well his passion for rural life. We are all grateful for his servant leadership. Congratulations again to Jim Jones on his 90th Birthday.

RECOGNIZING MARY ANNE CHERN ON HER DECADES OF SERVICE TO ADVENTIST HEALTH WHITE MEMORIAL AND TO THE HEALTHCARE FUNDRAISING INDUSTRY

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, today I recognize my good friend Mary Anne Chern, ACFRE, FAHP, a highly regarded healthcare fundraiser who has retired from Adventist Health White Memorial in Los Angeles after 24 years of dedicated service. White Memorial is the region's leading faith-based, non-profit hospital and is located in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of East Los Angeles. For years, Mary Anne served as president of the Adventist Health White Memorial Charitable Foundation and as a member of the hospital's Executive Team. I thank Mary Anne for her years of friendship and counsel and her unrelenting dedication to the healthcare fundraising profession.

Over the course of her 40-year career, Mary Anne has raised over \$500 million for healthcare institutions in principal and major gifts, private grants, and government funding. She is highly respected by her peers and is a friend and mentor to healthcare development professionals across the nation and worldwide. Mary Anne is one of only seven fundraising professionals in the world to have achieved both the Advanced Certified Fund Raising Executive (ACFRE) and the Fellow of Association of Healthcare Philanthropy (FAHP) certifications. She is also a Si Seymour Award winner for "career excellence and outstanding leadership." The Si Seymour Award is the highest international recognition in healthcare fundraising and has only been given to a total of 41 fundraising professionals since 1970.

In 2010, Mary Anne was elected to be the international chair of the Association of Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP) by its over 5,000 members. The AHP is the leading authority on healthcare philanthropy and it represents development professionals at more than 2,000 nonprofit hospitals, medical centers, health systems and related facilities throughout North America and abroad.

Mary Anne has extensive experience teaching fundraising best practices and she served on the two boards that certify professional fundraisers internationally: the CFRE Board of Directors and the AHP Board of Certification, the latter of which she chaired. She also served on the national board of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and its greater Los Angeles chapter, as well as the boards of CFRE International, which credentials fundraising professionals; the Milton Murray Foundation for Philanthropy, which develops the expertise of nonprofit leaders; and the Southern California Association for Healthcare Development (SCAHD).

Mary Anne is the co-author of a book and the author of numerous articles on fundraising. She won the AHP Journal Award in 2009 for her article, "Hispanic Fundraising: Myths and Realities." She has a special interest in social determinants of both individual and population health, and she currently serves on the Steering Committee of the Los Angeles County

Community Health Assessment and Action Partnership.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Mary Anne's immense contributions to the healthcare fundraising industry and her outstanding leadership and commitment to providing quality and accessible health services to the greater Eastside Los Angeles community through Adventist White Memorial. Thanks to her years of service, my constituents have been able to access high-quality care in a modern and technologically advanced facility. Mary Anne's ability to make others feel special and welcome in the Adventist Health White Memorial community is something we will all miss. I thank her for her warmth and her dedication to ensuring that the healthcare industry has the funding it needs to implement the highest possible care for Angelinos, Americans, and patients around the world.

CONGRATULATING KIEL ATANASOFF FOR RECEIVING THE PATRIOT AWARD

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Kiel Atanasoff for receiving the Patriot Award by the Department of Defense. Through his exceptional leadership and steadfast devotion to workers and servicemembers at Krist Oil Company, Kiel has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The Patriot Award is presented to supervisors and employers across the country who display exceptional support towards servicemembers in their workforce. In recognition of his exceptional leadership and devotion to his colleagues, fellow employee and Guardsman David Froland nominated Kiel for this distinguished award. This is in response to Kiel's continued support to Mr. Froland when he was deployed to Washington, D.C., earlier this year with the U.S. National Guard. A longtime U.P. company, Krist Oil has continued to exemplify the gold standard of support for our military members and communities. As a veteran myself, I greatly appreciate the dedication they give to both our active and retired Servicemembers.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Kiel Atanasoff for receiving the Patriot Award. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a selfless leader. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Kiel all the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING TIEFFA "TI" HARPER AND HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise, along with my colleague, Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE, Chair of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, to

thank Tieffa “Ti” Harper for her service to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ti came to the Committee as a detailee from the Federal Public Defender’s Office earlier this year, and she has contributed greatly to the work of the committee. Ti has worked on a broad range of issues, including, among other areas, reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, oversight of the Bureau of Prisons, sentencing reform—including addressing the crack cocaine sentencing disparity through the EQUAL Act—and juvenile justice.

The Committee has significantly benefited from Ti’s insight as a public defender, her sophisticated legal analysis skills, and her knowledge of the criminal justice system. Ti was able to quickly jump into the work of the Committee when her detail began, expertly analyzing complex legislation, drafting policy options to address some of the most pressing criminal justice issues of our time, and preparing for hearings and markups.

The Committee and the American people have been fortunate to have Ti as a strong advocate for a more just legal system during her time working in Congress. While we will miss Ti greatly, we congratulate her on her new position with the Southern Poverty Law Center.

We thank Ti for her service to the Committee and wish her the best of luck with this new chapter.

RECOGNIZING BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bakersfield College for their incredible work and commitment to higher education.

Bakersfield College is a vital institution in our community. The staff, students, and faculty of this school are completely dedicated to quality education and are a model to all of us in California’s Central Valley.

This year, Bakersfield College has once again received statewide recognition for their commitment to excellence by being awarded the Champion of Higher Education by the Campaign for College Opportunity. This award recognizes Bakersfield College for their creative work to advance educational success among their students, many of whom are first generation Americans.

This is the fourth consecutive year that Bakersfield College will be receiving recognition as a Champion of Higher Education. Winning this award year after year demonstrates their commitment to creative solutions that help students grow academically, as well as reduce barriers to entry.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the incredible work of both the students and faculty of Bakersfield College. They are a vital part of our community, and I wish them continued success in their enduring pursuit to provide high-quality education opportunities to our community.

RECOGNIZING TEXAS MEMORIAL ILLUMINATION AT SAN JACINTO IN LA PORTE, TX

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the San Jacinto Museum and Battleground Association, the Texas Historical Commission, and the volunteers honoring the thousands of Texans who selflessly gave their lives in armed conflict around the world. From the start of the Texas Revolution in 1835 through the war in Afghanistan, 21,500 Texan lives have been lost.

On November 13, 2021, volunteers will place and light 21,500 luminaries on the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site to honor every Texan who made the ultimate sacrifice. Each luminary reminds us that freedom is not free and honors all those who humbly gave their lives to protect our liberties.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize and express my gratitude to “The Texas Memorial Illumination at San Jacinto” and their volunteers for their hard work to honor those Texans who died fighting for what they believed in.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2021 AS “PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce a bipartisan resolution today with my colleagues, Representatives ESHOO, MCKINLEY, and MCCLAIN. Our resolution raises awareness about pancreatic cancer and the importance of increased Congressional funding for research by expressing support for the designation of the month of November 2021 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. I am grateful for Representatives ESHOO, MCKINLEY, and MCCLAIN’s leadership in helping to combat pancreatic cancer.

Recently, pancreatic cancer has killed three American icons: Congressman John Lewis, Congressman Alcee Hastings, and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Accurately described as a silent killer, this disease does not have an early detection test, so unfortunately, by year’s end, pancreatic cancer will have killed an estimated 47,050 Americans and is the third largest cause of cancer-related death in our country. As COVID-19 continues to rob us of our fellow Americans, pancreatic cancer continues to devastate thousands of American families and communities. In my home state of Indiana, nearly 1,000 Hoosiers will be killed by pancreatic cancer by year’s end, and almost 2,000 Hoosiers will be newly diagnosed with this terrible disease. Nationwide, an additional 60,430 Americans will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year.

These horrific statistics highlight how few tools exist to detect this disease and, as a re-

sult, the immense pain and suffering it causes. Alarmingly, pancreatic cancer still has no early detection test to quickly and accurately determine the presence of this cancer. As a result, it is very difficult to detect this cancer before it has advanced to later—and more deadly—stages. Tragically, 72 percent of pancreatic cancer patients live less than one year following their diagnosis. This was the case for our colleague, Congressman John Lewis, who was killed by pancreatic cancer less than a year following his diagnosis.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also highlighted how longstanding health disparities and lack of access to care results in disproportionate numbers of infections and deaths from this virus in communities of color. Sadly, the same is true with pancreatic cancer. The incidence rate for pancreatic cancer among Black Americans is twenty percent higher than that of any other racial demographic and the death rate is seventeen percent higher for Black men than for white men. In this way, the lack of pancreatic cancer early detection research accelerates the racial inequities in our health care system, with devastating consequences for minorities.

To help detect pancreatic cancer earlier and to help address racial inequities, the 117th Congress has a unique opportunity to make historic investments in pancreatic cancer research at the Department of Defense (DoD). Congress can do this by increasing funding to pancreatic cancer research. Within this research funding, DoD should include early detection research as a major funding priority to help more patients detect this deadly disease early. In fact, if diagnosed early, the 5-year survival rate for pancreatic cancer patients is above 80 percent. Current pancreatic cancer research funding remains at a fraction of the level that our fellow Americans struggling with this disease deserve. That’s why it is so critical that we raise awareness about how deadly and destructive this cancer is to our American family, and why increasing pancreatic cancer research is critical to lowering this disease’s deadliness.

Moreover, at a time when our country is having a national conversation about the deep disparities in access to health care for Black and Brown people during the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress must do everything within our power to improve health outcomes through research and treatment, and that includes pancreatic cancer. And in order to ensure that we improve outcomes, we need to raise awareness with the American public and our colleagues in Congress about just how deadly this cancer is and why we need to find early detection tools, effective treatments and reduce this disease’s disproportionate impact on communities of color.

I urge my colleagues in the House to support this resolution.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DR. MICHAEL EDUARDO CORTÉS

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Michael

Eduardo Cortés and congratulate him on his retirement. Throughout his career, Dr. Cortés has played an integral role in strengthening and empowering our district's Latino community.

Cortés' career in academia has taken him across the nation, with faculty and administrative appointments at the University of Colorado Denver, the University of San Francisco, and the University of California, Berkeley, where he taught graduate courses in social policy advocacy and public policy analysis. Cortés also served as Scholar in Residence and Special Community Member at the University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work where he tackled questions surrounding income security and care for disabled Latino elders, policy analysis and advocacy by public charities, and improvement of curricula in schools of social work.

His contribution to the community did not stop there. Dr. Cortés spends much of his time outside work volunteering to help Latinos in Colorado solve problems facing their communities. Recently, Dr. Cortés was honored by the Latino Caucus in the Colorado General Assembly for his work as executive director at the Colorado Latino Leadership, Advocacy, and Research Organization (CLLARO). In this role, he led the organization in its effort to empower Latinos across Colorado through leadership development, advocacy, and policy research.

Dr. Cortés' extraordinary career and service to our community has caused a positive ripple effect across our community that has certainly not gone unnoticed. I congratulate Dr. Cortés on his retirement and thank him for his incredible dedication to our community.

RECOGNIZING ANTONIO "TONY"
D'AGOSTINI FOR HIS SERVICE TO
OUR COUNTRY AND HIS COMMUNITY

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Antonio "Tony" D'Agostini of Sterling Heights, Michigan, for his decades long service to our country and his community.

Born in Italy, Tony soon moved with his family to Canada and then Michigan. In Sep-

tember of 1965, Tony was drafted into the United States Army and served in the 9th Infantry Division, 15th Engineer Battalion. After spending time at Fort Riley in Kansas, Tony was sent to Vietnam, spending a year there before returning home and leaving the service in August 1967. More than 50 years later, Tony still pays tribute and keeps the memory of his fallen comrades alive. Just this past week, Tony and his wife came to Washington for Veterans Day in order to honor and remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

After his service, Tony spent some time in college before joining his dad and brother in the family construction company. Tony retired a few years ago, after roughly a half century of work. Outside of work, Tony has given back to his community. For example, he has an annual car show that raises money for soup kitchens, and he has given money to organizations such as Forgotten Harvest, who help ensure food that would otherwise go to waste is delivered to the hungry. His philosophy is simple, as he said, "we just help people that really need help." For his philanthropic efforts, Tony was the recent recipient of a humanitarian award.

Madam Speaker, Tony D'Agostini is a selfless American patriot. He has served his country with honor and his community with compassion. The legacy he has built is one of altruism and of thoughtfulness for others. I hope he is proud of the contributions he has made to this country and its citizens. I thank Tony for his service, for keeping the memory of America's heroes alive, and for his devotion to others. He has set an example I hope all will follow. I wish him nothing but the best as he continues to lead a life of selfless dedication to others.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
CHARLES E. HAWTHORNE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Doctor Charles E. Hawthorne of Ann Arbor, Michigan, who passed away on November 1st. His lifetime of service and dedication to our community is worthy of commendation.

The son of Jesse and Cleanna Hawthorne, Dr. Hawthorne felt the call to serve from a

young age. A graduate of Cooley High School in Detroit, Michigan, he started and led a campus ministry called Youth For Christ. In college, Dr. Hawthorne founded the United Students for Christ ministry. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in Sociology and M.A. in Guidance & Counseling. While still studying in university, he became a licensed minister in 1976 through Pastor James E. Slappy, Jr. and was ordained to the ministry in 1978 by Bishop J.S. Bailey. He later graduated summa cum laude from Trinity Theological Seminary with a Ph.D. in Biblical Counseling in 1987.

As soon as Dr. Hawthorne graduated from the University of Michigan he stepped into ministry full-time with United Ministries in Higher Education at Eastern Michigan University. A talented preacher, he spread his passion at college campuses across Michigan and touched the lives of countless students. In 1980, he founded Labor of Love Ministries, and in 1982 it officially became a church. Labor of Love Ministries located in Ypsilanti, Michigan, where Dr. Hawthorne served as Senior Pastor, has been a faithful gathering place and spiritual home for so many.

Described by those who knew him as a visionary leader and passionate teacher, Dr. Hawthorne sought to spread his faith around the nation and the world but felt strongest about serving his home church and loving community here in Michigan. A leader not only in the world of ministry, he was a member of the Ministerial Alliance of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti and the Pastors Alliance for County Transformation. Dr. Hawthorne also served as President and CEO of Hawthorne Ministries, President of Samaritan Community Development Corporation, Superintendent of the Northeast Michigan Headquarters District, and as a Board Member of the Church of God in Christ Missions Department. A man with a tremendous heart, beloved by his family, students, and congregation alike—he will never be forgotten.

Madam Speaker. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Dr. Charles E. Hawthorne, a pillar of our community and a man of true faith. His legacy is one that will remain for years to come in the hearts of those who knew him. Our thoughts are with his family—wife Donna, children Charles II and LaDonna—friends, and their congregation at this time.